

Application No. : 10/719,928
Amdt. Dated : March 15, 2005
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REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiners for his careful and thoughtful examination of the present application. By way of summary, Claims 1-28 were pending in this application. In the present amendment, the Applicant canceled Claims 1, 14-19 without prejudice or disclaimer, amended Claims 2, 6-7, 9, 21-22 and 24. Accordingly, Claims 2-13 and 21-28 remain pending for consideration.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 25-28, and the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 2-13 and 21-24. Pursuant to the Office Action, the Applicant rewrote Claims 2, 6-7, 9, 21 and 24 into independent form to include all of the limitations of the corresponding base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, amended Claims 2, 6-7, 9, 21 and 24 are now in condition for allowance.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

The Applicant respectfully disagrees with any Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that not all the claims include each of the structures or method steps recited in the Examiner's Statement. Also, to the extent that there is any implication that the patentability of any claim rests on the recitation of a single feature, the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement because it is the combination of features recited in each claim that makes that claim patentable.

Response To §112, ¶ 2 Rejections And Specification and Drawing Objections

Canceled Claim 16 stood rejected apparently because of its recitation of multiple detectors. Moreover, the Specification and Drawings stood objected based on the same subject matter. The Applicant notes that Claim 16 is canceled. However, the Applicant also notes that Figures 10A and 10B clearly illustrate use of two or more detectors 630.

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Request For Telephone Interview

In view of the forgoing, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If further issues remain to be resolved, the Applicant's undersigned attorney of record hereby formally requests a telephone interview with the Examiner. The Applicant's attorney can be reached at (949) 721-2946 or at the number listed below.

In addition, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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